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SUBJECT : GUINEAN INSPECTORS BOARD AND SEIZE IVORIAN
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2. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THE IVORIAN SHIP WAS SIGHTED BY TWO GUINEAN " INSPECTORS" ASSIGNED TO EACH OF THE JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS BELONGING TO THE JAPANESE- GUINEAN MIXED COMPANY SONIGUI (REFTEL). IN CONFORMITY WITH INSTRUCTIONS
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